

Suggestion:

Online vote and public comment for all software patents prior to approval. Allow for the computing community to have a voice surrounding these patent office decisions. Voting and comment records should be recorded in a publically available database for all approved patents. This insures that at the time of litigation by patent holders the defending company has public records useable in their defence and the patent holder has the same priveledge.

There are many of us who would like to have a forum for addressing these claims of unique process made by large litigious companies. Let the people talk, please.

Best Regards,

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PS

As CEO of a film and video software company, we live in fear daily that we will unknowingly infringe on patents owned by our competitors. This is especially the case with inteface based patents which seem to be unnecessarily open to interpretation.

There are only so many ways to use a mouse and keyboard to change the color of pixels on a computer monitor. Please revise the process and let us all help do whats fare for the industry.

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